After World War II, the GI Bill helped educate a generation of veterans and build the American middle class. Since then, Congress has updated these benefits, most recently in 2008 when I was proud to support the Post 9/11 GI Bill which restores the promise of a full four-year education to veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Post 9/11 GI Bill covers the full cost of in-state public tuition at four year colleges, and a number of other benefits for veterans pursuing their education at other institutions. The new GI Bill also allows veterans to transfer their benefits to their spouse and children, and will cover living expenses and books. Older veterans are still eligible for benefits under the old Montgomery GI Bill, and veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan can choose to use the older benefits if that more closely matches their educational needs.

There are a number of online resources that can help you determine your eligibility for the GI Bill.

VA's GI Bill website

Military.com GI Bill portal

GI Bill.com

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America's GI Bill website

Today's GI Bill.com

You can also seek assistance from a <u>Veterans Service Officer</u> in New York, or <u>contact my office</u> for further help.

Recently, some recipients of education benefits may have received notices from the VA that they were over-paid. If you received this notice, <u>visit the VA's website</u> for more information.